

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of January 10, 2008 issued in the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the cradle has a cradle authentication device storing printing performance information of the cradle and authentication information, which is connected to the verification circuit, and that the cradle authentication device authenticates the cartridge from the stored printing performance and authentication information of the cartridge authentication device and the verification circuit authenticates the authentication performed by the cradle authentication device. Support for this amendment can be found at page 17, line 21-page 18, line 15 of the present specification;

dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged;

independent claim 6 is amended similar to claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-5 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Bolash, Silverbrook '952 and Silverbrook '513 in view of newly cited Cook (US 6,158,850), because none of these cited references teach or suggest a cradle authentication device which authenticates a cartridge authentication device where this authentication is further authenticated by a verification circuit of the cradle, thereby adding an extra level of security, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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